



Chosen People Ministries



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Dear friend in the Messiah,

Israel is the focal point of God's plan for the Last Days! It is simply incredible to visit Israel and to realize that the nation and Land promised to Abraham and the subject of so much of the prophets' messages exists today. Modern Israel is a signpost of God's faithfulness and a reminder that the Word of God is true and that His coming is near!

But how close are we? According to the Hebrew prophet Zechariah, there are a number of puzzle pieces that need to be in place before the Lord's second coming (Zech. 12; see also Ezek. 36-39). God's chosen people must be back in the Land, Jerusalem must be in Jewish hands, and her enemies must surround her.

These pieces are in place today in ways that have never been true before. We live at a unique moment in human history, as the table is set for the return of Messiah!

I appreciate you so much because you believe in the coming of the Lord and in the importance of Jewish evangelism. Your Mission to the Jewish

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people has been “pulling out the stops” in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel—especially in the Holy Land.

Outreach Israel Report

Our dedicated short-term ministry team of about a dozen young people has just returned from Israel. The reports have been fantastic, and I want to share some of them with you so that you can see how God is using our **next generation of servants of the Lord** to reach Jewish people.

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This year, our Outreach Israel team consisted of an energetic group of young people, mostly between the ages of 18 and 35, from various colleges and churches all over the United States. They met in New York City, quickly becoming good friends as they prepared to hop on the plane to Israel.

The volunteers spent their days reaching out to Israelis with the message of Yeshua (Jesus) through serving at our soup kitchen and food distribution centers, as well as engaging Israelis in one-on-one conversations at the Gospel Café—a coffee house with live music and great coffee where seekers and believers meet and talk about Jesus.

One afternoon, they went to the Tel Aviv beach front to give out invitations for that night’s event at the Café. The team invited two young French Jewish men who did not know the Messiah, and they came to the Café along with other friends. They sat with different team members throughout the night, and had hours of lively conversations about Jesus!

These young people had never even heard of Jewish people believing in Yeshua before, and they were asking good questions. They stayed late at the event and wanted to keep in touch afterwards. Our team members invited them to a traditional Jewish Sabbath dinner the next evening in Jerusalem, and were thrilled when they showed up and spent most of the evening talking about the Lord with our staff and volunteers.

These conversations are what it’s all about! The Gospel is spread person-to-person and heart-to-heart. I am delighted that our teams met many Israelis on their trip and engaged in meaningful conversations about the Lord!



Ministering Among God's Chosen People

Rachel G., one of our staff members in the Holy Land, had a great insight as to why Chosen People Ministries continues to recruit young people for short-term mission trips. She writes:

Often, people on Outreach Israel realize that they are changed while serving others. They came to minister, but the Lord ministered to them! One team member shared, "I have been learning a lot about who God is and have learned more about His heart for the Jewish people."

One of the participants shared this moving story:

We served at one of the four Chosen People Ministries' distribution centers. First, we packed and distributed a lot of food packages and then spent quite a bit of time showing His love to the elderly and Russian and Ethiopian immigrants struggling to put food on the table. I sat with an Ethiopian woman (Yael) at our soup kitchen. She told me she has five children and that because she came to faith in Yeshua some months ago, her husband told her he didn't want to provide for her anymore, saying she should "let God provide for her." She has been coming to the soup kitchen with her son for a hot meal and to stock up on other foods for the week for her family. We also helped her son find some t-shirts for school in the clothing distribution center.*

Another volunteer described how the Lord encouraged her:

Being able to serve and bless Israel with the small task of giving food to needy families has been amazing. We got to see the process from start to finish. At first, it didn't feel like I was doing that much to help the community, but one day we were able to hand out food to the people door to door. Seeing the gratitude on the people's faces made everything worth it.

The Outreach Israel team strengthened the full-time Chosen People Ministries staff in Israel, as they served alongside them in their ongoing work. We are currently ministering in six cities

*name has been changed



The Gospel is spread person-to-person and heart-to-heart and every individual is so precious in the sight of our Savior.





in Israel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Sderot, Netanya, Bat Yam, and Ashdod.

Your prayers and support are important to us! August is a tough month financially, and some of our missionaries in Israel and in some of the more expensive cities are especially struggling to meet their needs this month. If you can add an additional 25% to 50% to your regular gift, we should be able to have what is needed this month to meet our expenses. We depend on the Lord to provide for this ministry through you.

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Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel as we see the day of His coming drawing closer!

Your brother,

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